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ABOLITION OF MPLAD SCHEME
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Will the Minister of STATISTICS AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Moily Committee on Administrative Reforms has suggested to abolish the MPLAD Scheme;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the response of the Government thereto?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE), MINISTRY OF STATISTICS AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION (SHRI G.K. VASAN)

(a)&(b) Yes Sir. The Second Administrative Reforms Commission on Ethics in Governance has observed in its Report that the MPLAD scheme seriously erodes the notion of separation of powers, as the legislator directly becomes the executive. The ARC has also stated that discretionary funds at the disposal of the legislature or the power to determine specific projects and schemes and select the beneficiaries or authorize expenditure shall constitute discharge of executive functions.

(c) The role of an M.P. is only recommendatory in nature within the parameters of MPLADS Guidelines and the implementation is done by the District Authorities. The Evaluation Report on this scheme conducted by the Planning Commission states that the impact of the scheme, as perceived at grass root level, is that the majority of the people are of the opinion that the scheme has created assets, met their needs and has improved their quality of life. Since its inception, the scheme has immensely benefited the local community by meeting their various developmental needs such as drinking water facility, education, electricity, irrigation, non-convention energy, community centres, roads, pathways, bridges etc. There have been significant improvements in the physical as well as financial aspect of the scheme and Government is continuing with this Scheme.